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Nine schools commit to
future of league, others
given June 15 deadline

Justin Nutter
Staff Writer

As the winds of change continue to shift the landscape of modern-day college athletics, the fate of the Big 12 Conference remains a mystery.

The Wildcat Nation can do relatively nothing but collectively hold its breath while rumors swirl and realignment talks unfold.

At last week's Big 12 meetings in Kansas City, Mo., nine of the league's schools, including K-State, announced a shared determination to keep the conference alive. That arguably puts the fate of the conference in the hands of the three remaining schools.

Two of the schools not committed to the future of the Big 12, Nebraska and Missouri, are mulling over the possibility of an invitation to join the Big Ten Conference, which has expressed interest in expanding to as many as 16 teams. Neither school has officially received an invite from the Big Ten, but both have been given until June 15 to announce their decisions to the Big 12.

It seems as though banking on an invite would be a big risk, because currently independent Notre Dame has also been considering the Big Ten. It has been widely speculated that if the Fighting Irish were to join the conference, additional expansion talks would cease. Long story short: a premature decision to jump ship could end in disaster for the Tigers and Huskers if Notre Dame and the Big Ten reach an agreement.

Colorado, the third school keeping the Big 12 from making any immediate plans, is part of a similar story involving the Pac-10 Conference, which has also expressed interest in several Big 12 schools. Pac-10 Commissioner Larry Scott got the green light from the league's CEOs to begin extending invites to the Buffaloes, as well as Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. Tentative plans indicate that if all six schools accept invitations, the new 16-team conference would be broken into two divisions. One division would consist of Arizona, Arizona State and the six newly acquired Big 12 schools, while the other division would include the remaining current Pac-10 members.

The Texas Legislature has allegedly made a push for Baylor to receive an invite instead of Colorado in order to keep the Big 12 South division intact, but according to a report on *Orangebloods.com*, the Buffaloes might be trying to sneak by the Bears. Two sources told the site that Colorado, who also must make a decision by June 15, could accept a bid from the Pac-10 as early as today. But the report also indicates that Colorado might not have the financial stability to make that move right now, as there is a \$10 million buyout required to cut ties with the Big 12.

Unfortunately for Wildcat fans, K-State is one of the four remaining Big 12 schools that could find itself searching for a home if the conference were to dissolve. Others in that same boat include in-state rival Kansas, Iowa State and the loser of Baylor and Colorado's race to the Pac-10. It's unclear where the Wildcats would land in that situation, but a Monday decision by the Mountain West Conference to hold off on the potential addition of Boise State indicates that the league wants to see how things unfold in other conferences. Check next week's issue for the up-to-date coverage of conference realignment talks.

PAINFUL PROCESS

Cannabis in Kansas: A dubious debate for 2010

House bill raises issue with legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes

Ben Marshall
Staff Writer

One tingle sends Dave Mulford rushing to his refrigerator.

Cracking the cap off an unopened bottle of G2, he quickly slams down 20 ounces. Then comes the water. He said re-hydration is key in moments like this.

Next, Mulford fumbles toward the basement where he employs a series of relaxation techniques he has learned over the years. He has had plenty of **ONLINE** practice.

If none of these methods work to subdue his spasm — if it persists or intensifies — Mulford said he resorts to an herbal remedy on which he has relied for the better part of two decades: marijuana.

"It doesn't stop them, but it slows them down enough to where I can either massage them or relax them. Or, in some cases, even drink pickle juice," he said.

Mulford, a Hutchinson, Kan., resident, said he began experiencing severe muscle spasms in the early 1990s. Since then, he has had his aorta replaced and has developed "very, very massive" hernias — each resulting in intense pain. He said his ailments have baffled doctors.

"Every time I've been taken to the hospital, including those times by ambulance, the local hospital doesn't know how to treat me," Mulford said. "I've come very close to having a real problem at that hospital."

Mulford has tried other medications to help control his spasms and alleviate his severe pain, but he said their side effects are simply too dangerous. Some, he said, are heavy opiates, which turn patients into "zombies," while



Photo Illustration by Jennifer Heeke | COLLEGIAN

Marijuana legalization is a hot topic, but many are starting to see the benefits of using it for medicinal purposes.

others are potentially psychoactive.

"I was driving home one night and I had a hallucination that just about put me in a ditch," Mulford said. "I had to stop that one immediately."

Mulford said smoking marijuana is the only remedy that relieves his pain while allowing him to function nor-

mally. However, he was quick to point out he doesn't use the drug recreationally; it is simply too important to him.

"I have to have it to live," he said. "I can't think of what life would be like if there were no marijuana."

And yet, each time Mulford lights up to combat his pain he must watch his

back. Not for signs of another spasm, but because he's breaking the law.

GRAPPLING WITH THE LAW

On Dec. 20, 1996, Mulford was arrested for possessing an ounce of marijuana. He said it was noted throughout the proceedings that he was medicating himself, but because of the way it was packaged — one half-ounce and two quarter-ounces — he was also charged with intent to sell. Mulford spent nearly two years in prison as a result of his conviction.

In Kansas, possession of any amount of marijuana is a misdemeanor and may result in a sentence of one year in prison and a fine of up to \$2,500. Fines and penalties increase with subsequent offenses. A charge of intent to sell is considered a felony and is punishable by up to 51 months in jail.

Mulford said each time he turns to marijuana, he is torn between what he knows he should do — follow the law — and what he knows he wants to do — ease his pain.

"That's something that just ... it eats me up," he said. "You're never fully at peace because of that."

A Kansas lawmaker is attempting to make a change.

Rep. Gail Finney, D-Wichita, introduced the 2010 KS Medical Marijuana Act to the Kansas House on Feb. 4. Finney's bill now sits in the Health and Human Services Committee.

If passed, the law would allow patients with "debilitating medical conditions," such as cancer, glaucoma, HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C, among others, to register for a medical marijuana identification card. Possession of the card would protect qualifying patients from prosecution. The bill would also protect medical providers.

Fourteen states have similar medical marijuana laws on the books already, and bills allowing marijuana use for medicinal purposes are proposed in several others, including Missouri.

Although Finney said she has never personally used marijuana, she became sympathetic to individuals like

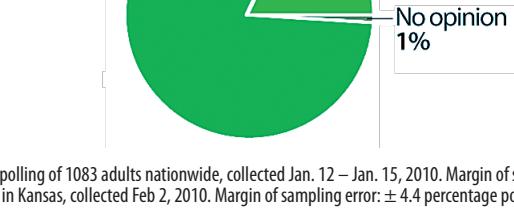
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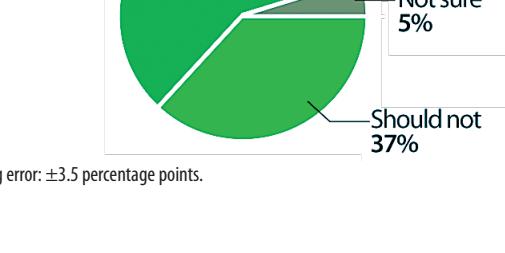
Should marijuana be legal when used for medical purposes?

Currently, 14 states think so. As do 81 percent of Americans, according to a recent poll. In Kansas, where HB2610 would legalize marijuana for medical purposes, more than half of respondents said they support the idea.

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Note: United States results based on ABC News/Washington Post poll of 1083 adults nationwide, collected Jan. 12 – Jan. 15, 2010. Margin of sampling error: ±3.5 percentage points.

Kansas results based on KWCH-TV (Wichita) poll of 500 adults in Kansas, collected Feb 2, 2010. Margin of sampling error: ±4.4 percentage points.

K-State students return safely from trip to Guatemala

31 students went to teach English, instead faced volcano, flooding in South America

Hannah Loftus
Staff Writer

A series of natural disasters in Guatemala cut short the trip of a lifetime for 31 K-State students.

An earthquake, a volcanic eruption, flooding and the tropical storm Agatha all came at the worst time for students on a faculty-led study abroad experience. The education department required them to leave the country early for safety reasons.

The students left for Guatemala on May 15 to teach English to elementary school children and earn K-State credit. They were scheduled to return on June 4.

Ashley Schmitter, junior in elementary education, said

the natural disasters struck during the group's second week in Guatemala City.

"Overall, the trip was a bit frustrating due to the lack of organization from day one, but communication issues were due to the large number of students that went on the trip in the first place," said Katie Ford, senior in elementary education. "However, from a teaching point of view, the trip was extremely valuable. The children there were so eager to learn and they really stole my heart."

During the short time they were there, the K-State students were able to teach the children because they were very interested in learning English. However, Ford said the U.S. educational system and the Guatemalan educational system had some differences, most notably the style of classroom management.

"The children could get up and walk around the classroom or lay on the floor during



Ashley Schmitter, junior in elementary education, spends time with two of the students she taught English to while she was in Guatemala City earlier this summer.

students. There was a communication barrier because not all the Guatemalan families were fluent in English.

The K-State students were able to travel around the city on the breaks to do some

shopping and site-seeing. Ironically, during that time, Ford climbed the volcano that would erupt and cover the city in ash three days later.

"The ash looked exactly like black snow and covered the streets and houses," Schmitter said. "It lasted for five hours altogether, however, we were not in any danger of the lava."

After the volcanic eruption, intense flooding soon became the next issue.

Tropical storm Agatha was expected to form into a hurricane and the flooding required the students to leave their host families and spend four nights in hotels in Guatemala City and El Salvador, Ford said. She also said there were breakdowns in communication because not all the host families had telephone lines.

"Certain lower areas of the country were flooded, but we were never in any immediate

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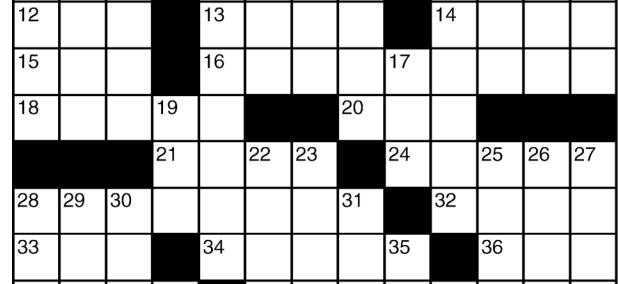
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU'RE WAY TOO EMOTIONAL ABOUT OLD GREEK CURRENCY, I THINK YOU'RE BEING MELO-DRACHMA-TIC.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals B

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Summer 2010 editorial staff share goals for Collegian



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Tim Schrag, editor-in-chief: My goal is to work hard with my team to develop content for the Collegian that is accurate, new and interesting.

Matt Binter, managing editor: My goal this summer is to make sure everything runs smoothly on the Collegian's end; I hope to solve any problems that arise.

Hannah Blick, copy chief: My goal is to produce clean content and write creative, relevant headlines — and spend as much time swimming as possible.

Tiffany Roney, campus/metro editor: My goal is to make my content fun by focusing on stories that college students will WANT to read.

Anthony Drath, online/multimedia editor: My goal is to create more videos and multimedia packages for the kstatecollegian.com website ... wish me luck.

Rachel Urban, news editor: My goal is for the Collegian to be as fair and accurate as possible.

Owen Praeger, presentation editor: My aim is to

produce a clean, visually enticing newspaper.

Carlos Salazar, presentation editor: My mission this semester is to produce a well-designed, intelligent and attractive newspaper.

Jennifer Heeke, photo editor: My objective this summer is to make the paper more visually appealing and to develop a higher quality of photojournalism.

Karen Ingram, opinion editor: My goal for this summer is to get out of it alive.

WEEKLY BLOTER

ARREST REPORTS

MONDAY

Russell Corey Vereen, Randolph, Kan., was arrested at 9:18 a.m. for two counts of probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Troy Allen Wilson, Wamego, was arrested at 12:35 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$200.

Sylvester Calvert Jr., 730 Fremont St., Apt. 4, was arrested at 1:27 p.m. for the extradition of persons imprisoned or awaiting trial in another state or who have left the demanding state under compulsion. No bond was set.

Levi Alexander Eugen Ritter, 904 Sunset Ave., Apt. 3, was arrested at 1:44 p.m. for two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$957.83.

Ryan Alexander Niedert, homeless, was arrested at 3:40 p.m. for obstruction, criminal damage to property and theft. Bond was set at \$1,500.

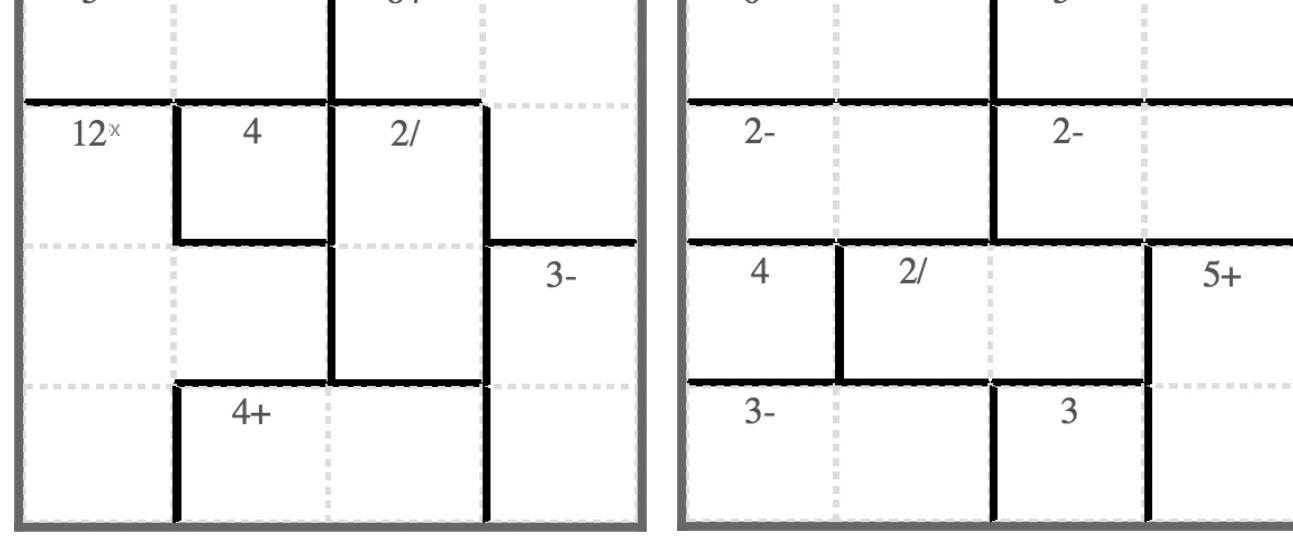
Sal Mino Tucker, 1118 Garden Way, Apt. B, was arrested at 3:43 p.m. for rape, aggravated sexual battery, criminal restraint and aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$35,000.

David Anthony Baldwin, Junction City, was arrested at 6 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Mario Deaquino Cantu, 600 North Juliette Ave., Apt. 1, was arrested at 6:28 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license and obstruction. Bond was set at \$1,500.

KenKen | Medium

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People's Grocery co-op relocates

Local store uses move to expand food selection; including deli and fresh, gluten-free baked goods

Tiffany Roney
Campus/Metro Editor

Drivers making their way down Fort Riley Boulevard might notice a new building on the north side of the street near seventeenth street. This new building is home to the fast-growing local business known as People's Grocery.

Scott Brelsford, general manager of the grocery co-operative, said the move was mandatory, due to development at the business' old location by Parkwood Inn & Suites, a new hotel.

Though People's Grocery had little choice about relocating, Brelsford said the move has been positive and brought in an overwhelming amount of new customers.

"We have been around for 35 years, but there are still a lot of people that had no idea there was a co-op or a health food or local foods store in town," he said. "Even though we only moved half a block, being fronted on Fort Riley makes us much more visible. People who didn't know that we were in town know we exist now."

Not only are people becoming more aware of the store, they are also going out of their way to shop there. With the current parking lot construction in front of People's, there is no clear entrance, so customers usually resort to asking construction workers for directions or just driving around until they arrive.

Brelsford said these new shoppers are a pleasant surprise because local stores generally expect a drop in sales during the summer, with most of the student population out of town.

All these signs point to one thing: People's Grocery is growing. And if it was not on the map before, it is on the map now.

While the sales and customer base have grown significantly, the floor space has done just the opposite. However, Brelsford said the store has been able to use the shrunken space to its advantage.

One of these advantages has been the opportunity to move the deli from its tucked-in-the-corner spot, to a combined

spot with the grocery checkout area.

"Now two people can do the entire job, so it's got operational efficiencies built in," Brelsford said.

Along with the redesign on the interior, the store plans to expand its outdoor green market, which is an organic farmer's market on the store's patio.

"Supporting the local farmers is important to ensure that farmers get a fair price for their goods so they can continue to feed their family and to do their work for a fair price without getting undercut and having to get subsidies and all that," Brelsford said.

He said most of the initiatives People's Grocery offers are part of one mission: to further the local food movement. "Being a small neighborhood grocery, we have the ability to change and special order, so if

"We have been around for 35 years, but there's still a lot of people that had no idea there was a co-op or a health food or local foods store in town"

Scott Brelsford

we see a trend building, we can easily take advantage of that a lot faster than the bigger guys can," Brelsford said.

Another one of the many advantages to this new design is a smooth floor, said Nick Moulds, 21, employee.

"At the old store, the floor sounded like a gravel road with the carts, and it would drive me insane — like, absolutely crazy," Moulds said. "And another different thing, is people always say the store looks nice, because the store actually does look nice now, and that's cool."

Beyond looking nice, Brelsford said the new deli and checkout-area layout has more than doubled the deli's daily lunch crowd, not only because the deli is easier to access, but also because more people are aware that it exists.

Another asset of the store is the selection of meats, since some customers assume the store is vegetarian.

The store offers not only typical natural meats like free-range chickens, hormone-free

cows and heritage-breed hogs, and even buffalo.

"We have a lot of free-range bison, which are exactly what they sound like; all just free range on the Flint Hills," Brelsford said. "The Flint Hills are protected, so there are no fertilizers. Nothing gets into that ground that they graze off of, so they're about as natural of an animal as you can possibly find."

In addition to the store's continuous array of responsibly grown meats, it is adding another new concept: a gluten-free, fresh bakery, which will carry only locally made baked goods.

"They'll all be gluten-free, but my hopes are that the quality would be good enough that even people who don't suffer from gluten allergies will enjoy it enough to buy it," Brelsford said. The bakery is set for establishment inside the store later this week.

In addition to accommodating gluten-allergy sufferers, the store aims to accommodate customers with any type of allergy, from dairy intolerance to wheat allergies.

"As much as possible, we try to carry local products and food allergy products, and in a few cases, both at the same time," Brelsford said. "For example, eating local honey will get you used to local pollen, which will help if you're an allergy sufferer."

In addition to serving allergy-ridden customers, the bakery will allow the store to move beyond specialty-store status, where customers stop by for a few things and then finish shopping elsewhere, to a one-stop-shop, where customers can buy everything they need.

Sylvia Beeman, employee, said beyond all the store's allergy-specific foods, People's Grocery offers more items and services than most customers realize.

"We actually Google questions for people and find out information and send them away with a write-up of ideas of things they can do for specific problems they have or specific foods they are trying to make," Beeman said. "Overall, we try to have really good customer service."

People's Grocery will host a store-wide sale on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in celebration of its 35th anniversary. The new building is located at 523 S. 17th St.

Ultimate summer



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Members of the Manhattan Ultimate Summer League play a round of ultimate frisbee Tuesday evening on campus. **Adriel Ruiz**, senior in business, said ultimate frisbee is a "good way to stay in shape, have fun and meet new people. It's not what people perceive it as."

POLICE REPORTS

RCPD arrests Manhattan man on charges of rape, battery

Vestoria Simmons
Staff Writer

A local woman reported being raped by a male acquaintance earlier this week, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The incident reportedly occurred at 2 a.m. on Monday in the southwest part of Manhattan, said RCPD Lt. Herb Crosby.

Sal Mino Tucker, 45, of 1118 Garden Way, Ap. B, was arrested at 3:43 p.m. later that day on charges of rape, aggravated sexual battery, criminal restraint and aggravated battery. His bond is set at \$35,000, and as of press time, was still confined.

The victim was in her late twenties or early thirties and suffered no physical injuries, Crosby said.

Woman taken to hospital after accident

A Manhattan woman was transported to the hospital earlier this week after the vehicle she was riding in was struck by another vehicle, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The incident occurred at 10:55 a.m. on Monday in the 100 block of East Poyntz Avenue, said RCPD Lt. Herb Crosby.

Geraldine McPherson, 67, of Randolph, Kan.,

was driving eastbound in the outside lane on East Poyntz, according to the report. As she attempted to move into the left-hand lane, her 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup struck a 1994 Mazda pickup carrying driver Dawn Marchand, 52, of 1704 Fair Lane, No. 22, and passenger Angelica Houston, 23, of 1704 Fair Lane, No. 26.

Houston was transported to Mercy Regional Hospital for injuries to her neck, back, right arm and right leg, Crosby said.

Crosby said McPherson was cited for making an improper left turn.

Weekend robbery reported in Riley

Almost \$5,000-worth of power tools were stolen in Riley, Kan., according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The incident occurred sometime between 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 7 a.m. on Tuesday, said RCPD Lt. Herb Crosby.

An unknown suspect entered six vehicles and three trailers parked within the same area and stole assort power tools, Crosby said.

Victims include Midland Exteriors, Riley, Kan., Monte Adkins, 32, Leonardville, Kan., and Dennis Kuehler, 65, St. George, Kan.

The items stolen were valued at \$4,391.

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Changing using law only adds to addiction



Chuck Fischer

The push for legalization of marijuana is becoming more of an issue lately with many states potentially having questions on their ballots this November regarding the legalization of the illegal drug.

If you see a question about legalizing marijuana on your ballot this November or any other time, you should vote against it without a second thought.

Those who support legalizing the drug argue two points: first, extra taxes collected from sales revenue will help the U.S. economy; and second, marijuana is not addictive or harmful. However, these notions are far from the truth.

When you consider the repercussions of legalizing marijuana, the potential economic benefits do not seem as significant. In 1975, Alaska's Supreme Court declared through its state's constitution that adults could possess marijuana for personal consumption in their homes. Essentially, this was a green light for using marijuana.

In 1988, a University of Alaska study showed that teenagers in Alaska used marijuana at more than twice the national average for their peers. Marijuana use had moved past the experimental stage and become an integral part of their lives.

Having had enough of this failed experiment with legalization, Alaskans voted to re-criminalize the drug in 1990. Also, proposals to legalize marijuana have failed in Nevada, Arizona and Ohio.

Obviously, legalization has yet to work perfectly. This is mostly due to the addictiveness of marijuana.

While there is some disagreement as to how addictive marijuana really is, the THC in marijuana has shown to be very addictive — and the younger the user, the more addictive. Advocates plan to combat this by instilling an age limit on who can buy marijuana.

While age limits are a good idea, there are always ways around such restrictions. Many people start drinking or smoking before they are of legal age. I myself had my first smoke when I was 16, not 18.

Harvard psychiatrist and researcher Harrison Pope conducted a study in 2001 looking at the symptoms of people when they stop using marijuana. According to his study, there are clear withdrawal symptoms associated with quitting marijuana. The only way to explain these symptoms is to recognize that marijuana must be addictive.

Marijuana has been shown to be a gateway drug for its users. According to a report published in 2003 by the American Medical Association, 300 twins were studied and the "marijuana-using twins were four times more likely to use cocaine and five times more likely to use hallucinogens like LSD." It's difficult to argue that marijuana is not a gateway drug when even the AMA says it is.

Finally, marijuana is so widely used, there is no way it could all be regulated.

As a registered Libertarian, I am not a fan of big government. We have several agencies currently trying to stem the flow of all drugs, why create another agency to regulate the flow of marijuana? That will create more government spending which is seldom the answer to budget problems.

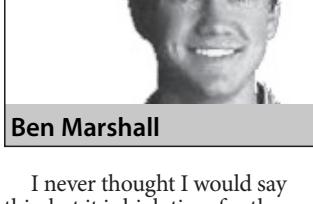
You cannot help a broke economy by throwing more money at the problem.

Where marijuana legalization has reached the ballot, it has been rejected or later overturned by the voters. Marijuana is an addictive drug that will be hard to regulate. It is also a gateway drug to harder drugs. I find it difficult to see why making marijuana legal would be a good move. Even the argument of it having medicinal uses is bogus.

The FDA, which must approve all drugs for public use, has yet to approve marijuana for any condition or disease. It's illegal, it's addictive, it's a gateway drug, and it serves no medical purpose. So, I ask you, why legalize it when it clearly is harmful?

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High time for Kansas to go green, legalize



Ben Marshall

I never thought I would say this, but it is high time for the state of Kansas to consider legalizing marijuana.

Since graduating from the D.A.R.E. program in elementary school, my thought has always been this: drugs are bad, marijuana is a drug, marijuana ought to be illegal. End of story.

My right-of-center political ideology, which developed as I matured, closed my mind further. I saw marijuana users as hippie, peace-loving liberals. Reggae fans. Potheads.

I heard news stories about people getting arrested for possessing bricks upon bricks of weed and thought justice was served.

That was me a few months ago. That was before I really got a chance to investigate the legalization of marijuana. I was ignorant on the issue, and I don't like being uneducated on hot-button news items. So I decided to do some research.

Now I understand the economic potential of legalization and how decriminalization can positively affect the justice system. I also understand the medicinal benefits of the drug.

According to a March 31 article in the Kansas City Star, "KS lawmakers head home for break, leave budget crisis unresolved," Kansas faces a deficit of \$467 million in next year's budget. And that's after slashing funding to the tune of more than \$1 billion for a variety of programs.

Rather than cutting funding for schools or increasing taxes for families already struggling to get by, we should legalize and regulate marijuana. Marijuana is a legitimate cash crop, and there's no shortage of cropland in Kansas.

Through smart regulation, such as taxation and licensure fees, the state could make some serious money. The nearly \$467 million budget shortfall could

be erased in the time it takes to roll half a dozen joints. Not to mention the possible boom in the snack-food industry as cases of the munchies would increase.

Legalization also means decriminalization. If Kansas legalizes pot, taxpayers would spend less on using prisons to house individuals charged with marijuana-related crimes. Law enforcement officials could focus less on catching those with an ounce of marijuana and more on tracking down the rapists and killers. Let's save our prisons' bed space for more violent criminals.

Perhaps the most compelling argument for legalization is medical use. Legislation that would legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes sits in committee in the Kansas House. Several states, including Colorado, already have laws on the books allowing medical marijuana.

Democratic Rep. Gail Finney introduced the Medical Marijuana Defense Act (House Bill 2610) in February. Finney, who suffers from a debilitating disease called lupus, said she has met several individuals who use marijuana to ease symptoms related to their illnesses. She said one man suffering from pancreatic cancer used marijuana to help with severe pain and nausea, until police caught him. Now the man has to deal with legal fees and formalities, on top of, well, dying. Is this humane?

According to Finney, the bill's passage in Kansas is unlikely, especially considering the recent law banning K2, a synthetic drug with marijuana-like qualities.

Finney said she hopes for an open discussion on the matter. This shouldn't be a left vs. right, red vs. blue debate. Leave politics at the door and let's use some common sense for our economy, for our justice system, for our sick and dying. If discussion can lead to education and better understanding of the issue, then Finney has reason to be hopeful.

A little education is all it took for this close-minded conservative to consider it.

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RANDOM THOUGHTS ON CAMPUS

Should marijuana be legalized for medicinal purposes?

"If it helps people, it should be legal. I don't believe it causes as much harm as people say it does."

Alexis Filippo, freshman in secondary education

"I would say yes, if it can help."

Matt Bane, senior in fine arts

"Yes, I do think it should be legalized for medicinal purposes. I've seen it first-hand; my grandmother had cancer. I think there are overwhelming studies showing the benefits outweigh the negative impacts."

Brittany Smith, senior in social work

"Yes, with a prescription. It would be less people in jail. That would save tax dollars on supporting the jails."

Catrina Elmore, junior in accounting

"I have no opposition to that. I'd consider a trained medical person's recommendation of marijuana as treatment to be sufficient reason to make that option legal."

Mark Parillo, associate professor of history

"Yes, there are people that need it to stimulate their appetite — cancer patients."

Kerry Harris, junior food science

"I don't see why not; it's natural."

Tera Walton, sophomore in English

"I think if it's a last resort for cancer, then a solution shouldn't be illegal — especially if it's terminal."

Ashley Heptig, junior life sciences

"I don't know. I feel like there's more about the issue I'd need to know before I could make an informed decision."

Kevin Blake, professor of geography

"Yes, Kansas needs to catch up with the rest of the United States."

Randi Cagle, sophomore in secondary education

"Yes, I've seen medical marijuana used first hand; my aunt had cancer. It helped her somewhat enjoy her last months. I think if it could be regulated, it would be well worth it."

Samantha Drake, senior in communication studies

"Absolutely, for more than medicine. I don't even smoke, but there are so many reasons why."

Briana Brubaker, senior in civil engineering

"Yes, it's an herbal plant and it's a way to help them through their suffering."

Ashley Trevor, sophomore in elementary education

"As long as it's only for medicinal purposes and they have a prescription."

Sebastian O'Connor, spring 2010 graduate

"If someone has a chronic illness and they're in terrible pain, I don't see why we should deny those people better quality of life in their last years."

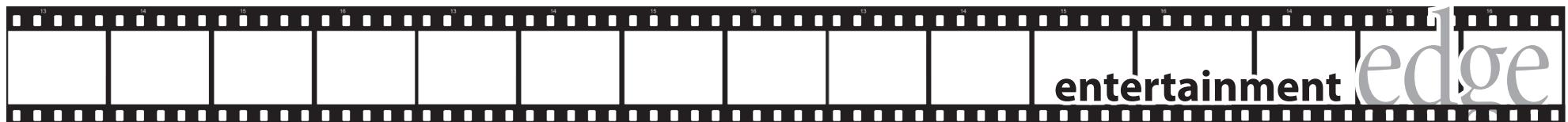
Robert Anderson, senior in social sciences

"Yes, because that would make our drug policy more consistent. There are other drugs used for medicinal purposes that are more dangerous and addictive than marijuana, so it's illogical to single out marijuana for illegal status."

Amy Lara, assistant professor of philosophy

"Sure, I don't see why not. Oxycontin is extracted from poppy seeds. It's highly addictive, creates all sorts of criminal minds and kills people."

Alonzo Jones, junior in construction science



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POP CULTURE

Beloved snack pleases all

Karen Ingram
Opinion Editor

Popcorn has been a classic American food for thousands of years. Beginning with the Native Americans, making its way to movie theaters and baseball games, even prompting the invention of the microwave oven. The humble kernel has found a home in the hearts of people everywhere, from snackers to the pickiest of eaters.

Popcorn is versatile, too. Styles run from air-popped to popcorn balls to Cracker Jack, and the number of flavors is almost infinite. The Popcorn Factory, which has offered flavored gourmet popcorn to consumers since 1979, offers well-known flavors, such as caramel, as well as more exotic varieties, like ginger teriyaki.

Mike Boeck, junior in open option, said that his favorite type of popcorn is movie theater popcorn, with kettle corn a close second.

"I feel like you are so entertained by the movie that a delicious bag of buttered popcorn makes it better," said Boeck.

But is popcorn a healthy snack, or

junk food?

According to Mark Haub, associate professor of human nutrition, it can actually be both.

"It is a whole grain," Haub said. "But what it's consumed with or how much is consumed can be problematic."

Haub said extra calories are added to an otherwise healthy snack by adding ingredients such as salt, sugar, cheese and other flavors. Another problem is portion control. Bags of microwave popcorn, for example, often contain several servings, but consumers will eat the entire bag.

The demand for healthier living has led many microwave popcorn companies to begin offering smaller, single-sized portion bags. Other companies have tried reducing fat and sodium or switching to all-natural ingredients to make popcorn more healthful. Jolly Time, Smart Balance and Orville Redenbacher are just a few of the companies offering healthier alternatives for customers.

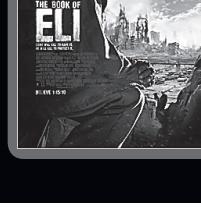
Whether used as an occasional snack or a passion, popcorn will always remain one of America's most popular snacks.



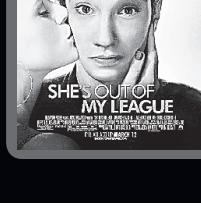
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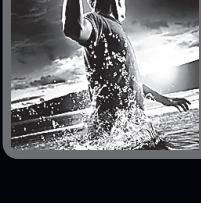
Already out this week
Movies:
Shutter Island
From Paris with Love
TV:
Nip/Tuck: Final Season



June 15
Movies:
The Book of Eli
When in Rome
Youth in Revolt
Remember Me
TV Shows:
Everwood: Third Season
Family Guy, Vol. 8
American Dad: Vol. 5



June 22
Movies:
She's Out of My League
Green Zone
TV Shows:
Entourage: Sixth Season



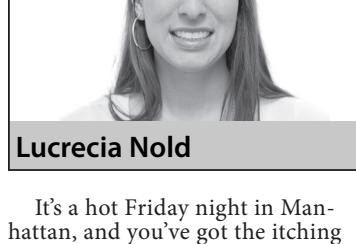
June 29
Movies:
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief
The Crazies
Hot Tub Time Machine
TV Shows:
The Closer: Fifth Season

-compiled by Ashton Archer

Theaters need summer style



Jennifer Heeke | COLLEGIAN
One might find it to be beneficial to dress warmly while sitting in an air conditioned theater.



Lucrecia Nold

It's a hot Friday night in Manhattan, and you've got the itching to go to the movies.

But no trip to the theater is complete without a great outfit — maybe it's not the 1950s, but a night out is still a night out.

When choosing the perfect style for seeing a movie, there are several important points to consider, including whom you are with and what the temperatures might be.

If you are seeing the movie with a summer date, opt for casual, yet dressier than your everyday garb. For both men and women, this could mean either dark-wash jeans, shorts or capris, with a loose, casual top. A summer skirt or sun dress could be an appropri-

ate choice for women.

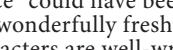
If you are going out with a group of friends, keep in mind what you will be doing together after you leave the theater. During the summer months, it can be tempting to wear shorts, tank tops and dresses, but it might be helpful to bring a light jacket or wear close-toed shoes for eating ice cream afterward in the cool, night air.

It is also important to remember that for the majority of your outing, you will be inside the theater where it is air-conditioned. This means planning an outfit according to how cool you think you might be in the theater. Or, if you are out with someone special, you could use your date to help keep you warm.

In the end, just remember that a movie theater, though dark, is a public place. Keep your style classy and presentable. And don't forget to sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

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Realistic CGI animation, powerful acting do not rescue 'Splice' from weak ending

"Splice"

Movie review by Patrick Bales

"Splice" could have been great, it has a wonderfully fresh concept, the characters are well-written and Adrien Brody and Sarah Polley give tremendous performances as a feuding couple who have to deal with a species hybrid named Dren. Unfortunately, the movie makes a few mistakes toward the end, and we're left with an original, but flawed, science-fiction piece that never moves past interesting.

After Clive (Brody) and Elsa (Polley) have their splicing facility threatened for "shut-down," the couple takes drastic measures by splicing human DNA with animal DNA, creating a new species that is part human and part ... something else. Clive and Elsa think they have everything under control when all of a sudden, the embryo is ready for birth months ahead of schedule. It doesn't stop there.

The embryo quickly evolves into a species like no other. It ages at an accelerated rate, and it constantly changes form. It starts as a mouse and rabbit-like hybrid, and through the course of a few weeks, turns into an advanced, human-like female.

Soon, Clive and Elsa become overwhelmed with how to handle the situation as Dren quickly becomes a risk that could ruin both of their scientific futures. They soon realize Dren could not only ruin their careers, but end their lives as well.

Seeing the evolution of Dren is the best part of the film. The computer animators did a stand-up job creating an evolving creature that comes across as realistic and believable. The creature starts out as completely CGI, but the CGI is good enough to keep it believable. Along



the way, it becomes even more believable. As the creature becomes more human, the special-effects wizards allow a human actress to play Dren (Abigail Chu plays the child and Delphine Chaneac plays the adult). They also use computer animation to enhance her features. With this technique, Dren seems as real as Clive and Elsa. It was like looking at a real human hybrid. Every time they showed her on screen, I was in awe.

The film also explores the deteriorated relationship between Clive and Elsa. We see how their pursuit of creating a new species and keeping it under control starts to tear their relationship apart. Brody and Polley really dish it out against one another, and together their performances keep you invested in everything going on.

So with great performances, an original concept and jaw-dropping special effects, why isn't "Splice" a great film? Well with all of these great resources, writer and director Vincenzo Natali fails to take the film

in any fascinating directions. The controversy of using human DNA for experimentation is touched upon, but never explored. The creature, for the most part, is kept safely hidden from the public so there's no suspense there. Also, there are many instances where Dren is treated cruelly, and Natali could have easily upped the suspense by having Dren lash out more. He could have explored the question: "What happens when a creature is pushed too much to stay in secrecy?" to a fascinating effect.

Even so, "Splice" hits us with an original idea, and that idea carries the film along nicely. Sure, with a better script it could have been good enough to be the hit of the summer, but as long as you go into it with lofty expectations, you'll find much to enjoy in this fresh take on the creature feature.

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K-State Disability Services helps 450 students navigate campus

Andrew Erichsen
Staff Writer

College is a time when many people try new things. However, for students with physical disabilities, college brings forth many challenges with new opportunities. Many schools work hard to ensure the challenges come from the class work, not getting around campus.

Because the first building on the K-State campus was constructed in 1863, and the American Disabilities Act passed in 1990, some of campus still provides a challenge for those who need to access it in wheelchairs.

Though the ADA requires equal opportunities for those with disabilities, there are some buildings on K-State's campus that are not wheelchair accessible.

This is where Disabilities Support Services steps in.

With approximately 450 students enrolled in its program, DSS makes it a point to ensure equal access to education.

"We implement academic accommodations for students based on their individual need," said Jaclyn Anderson, education and personal developer with DSS.

Not all buildings on campus are required to be fully accessible.

According to the law, any building built since 1990 must conform to guidelines, including wheelchair accessibility. Any building that was built prior to 1990, though, is not required to be changed.

Almost all of K-State's campus was built prior to the passing of the ADA. However, DSS makes sure students with physical disabilities share the same opportunities as an individual without disabilities at K-State.

"I do not overlook the building code, but I certainly bring issues to the attention of the University," Jaclyn said. "It certainly is not a simple thing ... all buildings don't have to be accessible under the law."

John Deterding, junior in engineering with cerebral palsy, is able to get by when buildings aren't fully accessible.

"The thing about me, if a building is completely non-accessible, I have the luxury of being able to walk using crutches," Deterding said. "I can get up stairs, it just takes me a little longer."

The Rehabilitation Act, signed into law Aug. 7, 1998, states only federally funded programs and services must be accessible. Since all buildings aren't accessible, it is up to DSS to provide access to all programs and services.

"Before each semester, I look up our registered students' schedules, those with mobility impairments, and make sure they do not have classes in an inaccessible building. If they do, I have the class moved," Jaclyn said.

Although DSS is always there for help, its options are limited once a student moves off campus.

Eli Anderson, freshman in pre-journalism and mass communications, has an undiagnosed form of muscular dystrophy.

"I'm not as in touch with Disability Services very much anymore since I'm living off campus," he said. "But when I was living on campus, I was in contact with them almost daily. They've definitely helped me tons here at Kansas State."

Like Deterding, Eli believes his experience would have been much different without them, especially when he first arrived at K-State.

"DSS helped me get a \$2,000 scholarship, would pick me up and drive me to classes during the winter and helped if my power scooter broke down," Eli said. "My experience definitely would have been different if the people at Disability Support Services weren't on campus. Especially during the first semester of my freshman year, when I didn't know very many people, or how to use my resources."

Student uses music, personality to stand out; not cerebral palsy

Andrew Erichsen
Staff Writer

John Deterding isn't an ordinary college student, with an ordinary story.

Adopted by a white family, Deterding, who is black, grew up in Wellsville, Kan. The town's population is 1,737 — 98 percent of it is Caucasian.

Besides having faced racial differences, Deterding also has cerebral palsy. He uses a wheelchair to get around most of the time.

"Standing out for me is no problem what-so-ever, but the fact that I have the demographic differences and I'm willing to be noticed, being in college gives me the chances to show my talents," he said.

Deterding, junior in engineering, is a Christian rapper and has performed in multiple events on campus, including the 2010 K-State Idol.

Deterding said he believes living in Manhattan has created new opportunities for him. Though his rap promotes a positive message, he said his hometown was not always open-minded about his musical style.

"I already have the outgoing personality," he said. "Being in college and having all the opportunities to use it has developed my talents, whereas if I'd have stayed in the town I was in, I'd have had no chances to perform my rap."

"I feel like I grew up in Podunk, USA, because people were like, 'What is rap music?'"

When he finished high school, K-State was Deterding's first choice, though other options presented themselves after he received his ACT score.

"I ended up doing pretty well on my ACT and got a 31, so I got letters from a lot of places," he said. "Some saying 'You're good at math, you should come here,' from Ivy League schools, but I didn't like going that far away from home."

While the college life is more of a challenge for Deterding, he said he receives help from Disability Support Services on campus. And is in contact with DSS at least once a week.

"I have the right resources to ask through Disability Services," Deterding said. "I've heard a lot of good things about the future of accessibility on campus too."



COURTESY PHOTO
John Deterding, junior in engineering, does not let his cerebral palsy hold him back.

New nutritional bar serves healthy shakes, advice to Manhattan



Jennifer Heeke | COLLEGIAN
Healthy Fusion co-owner Cody Calp mixes a smoothie for customers on Saturday at the new nutritional shake bar. The store opened May 1 and is located in the Westloop Shopping Center.

Co-owners seek to promote healthy living through store

Aubree Casper
Staff Writer

Most people wouldn't believe that a shake could change someone's life, but that is exactly what the owners of Manhattan's new Healthy Fusion hope to accomplish.

Healthy Fusion, a nutritional shake bar and Herbalife product store, opened May 1, and owners Jake Lutjemeier and Cody Calp hope to create a new market for nutrition through education and personal coaching, as well as provide available products to help people meet their personal wellness goals.

Lutjemeier, a graduate of University of Kansas in education with a public health focus, started out at a similar nutrition club in Topeka. He then decided to take his mission of promoting nutrition and increasing public knowledge about healthy living to Manhattan.

"There aren't really any healthy alternatives to meals unless you want to cook at home or go to Subway all the time," Lutjemeier said.

He said he hopes the atmosphere of Healthy Fusion, as well as its fast-food like accessibility, will encourage clients to choose one of their 100 flavors of meal-replacement shakes as an alternative.

"We have call-ins for shakes as well as a comfortable, relaxed environment

with Wi-Fi," he said, which draws customers looking to come hang out and chat or just run in on lunch break and buy a shake to go.

"All of our shakes are between 180 and 280 calories and one-to-three grams of fat, with an average of 220 calories and one gram of fat and no cholesterol, low sugar, carbs and sodium," Lutjemeier said. "But lots of protein, calcium and fiber."

With each shake, clients get two add-ins including aloe, fiber or protein, as well as a green tea or protein bar.

According to Lutjemeier, the green tea increases a person's resting metabolic rate by 100 calories, which means that they "burn" 100 calories by drinking the tea.

In addition to the actual products, Lutjemeier and Calp also offer free wellness evaluations that can be done once or weekly. The purpose of the evaluations is to determine weight, body fat percentage, skeletal muscle percentage and resting metabolic rate. This helps equate how many calories your body would burn in one day by only sitting or lying without any other activity, Lutjemeier said.

The wellness coaches at Healthy Fusion then use that information to create a personal wellness plan to help achieve a client's goals, whether it is lowering cholesterol or gaining weight healthily.

Calp, who was friends with Lutjemeier at KU, said he tried the products for a month and was hooked.

Calp soon became a certified nutrition counselor through Herbalife, like Lutjemeier, and together they started Healthy Fusion, located in the Westloop Shopping Center next to the American Academy of Cosmetology. Lutjemeier and Calp both said they hope to open more locations.

They also have plans to start a community weight-loss challenge that will last 12 weeks, with weekly meetings to discuss nutrition topics, sample products and create a competitive but supportive place where people can get together work on weight-loss goals. With a \$35 buy-in, the competitor who loses the highest percentage of body fat in the 12 weeks will win about half of each person's \$35 fee, and there will be monetary prizes for second and third place finishers.

Lutjemeier and Calp are passionate about helping clients not just lose weight but lead healthier lives while providing an alternative to typical diet foods. They attribute the endless shake flavors to keeping people coming back, and see the variety as a way to avoid getting burned out.

Healthy Fusion client Katherine Stitt said she agrees with the flavor philosophy.

Stitt, a weekly customer at Healthy Fusion, said she has tried about five of the shakes and has loved each flavor she has tasted, ranging from piña colada to chocolate caramel cappuccino to blueberry cheesecake.

"They're really good when I'm craving a Blizzard, but without the guilt," Stitt said. She also said the shakes are as filling as a typical meal.

Lutjemeier and Calp said their mission is to educate people about nutrition and promote the benefits of a healthy life, while providing an alternative to typical fast-food.

Lutjemeier and Calp can be reached at Myhealthyfusion.com, via their Facebook.com page "Healthy Fusion" or in their store. They said they are available to answer any nutrition question, help form a plan to reach a health goal and change lives, one shake at a time.

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GUATEMALA

Students make it safely home from trip

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danger and nobody actually felt the earthquake," Ford said. "Our main concern was getting back home — we didn't want to be stuck in the country."

Fortunately for the group, Ford said once they re-congregated at the hotel, communication became much easier. However, the communication brought some potential bad news.

"At the hotel we found out we could be stuck in Guatemala for several weeks, due to road and airport closures," Ford said.

She said the schedule was changing almost every hour, and it was a hectic time for everybody.

"This series of events was so unforeseen and so unexpected, I don't blame anyone for the confusion," she said.

The group traveled to El Salvador by bus and then flew back to the U.S.

Schmitter said everyone made it home safely by June 2, two days prior to their expected return date. "I would do it all over again, and I would love to go back," she said. "Besides the emotions and frustrations, it was a really valuable experience."

MANHATTAN ARTS CENTER PERFORMANCES

Central Park West by Woody Allen
9 p.m., July 10
Directed by Brent Sigman
Featuring Mary Elizabeth Atwood, Bettina Boller, Brett Hightower, Kim Riley, Katie Sigman

Hotline by Elaine May

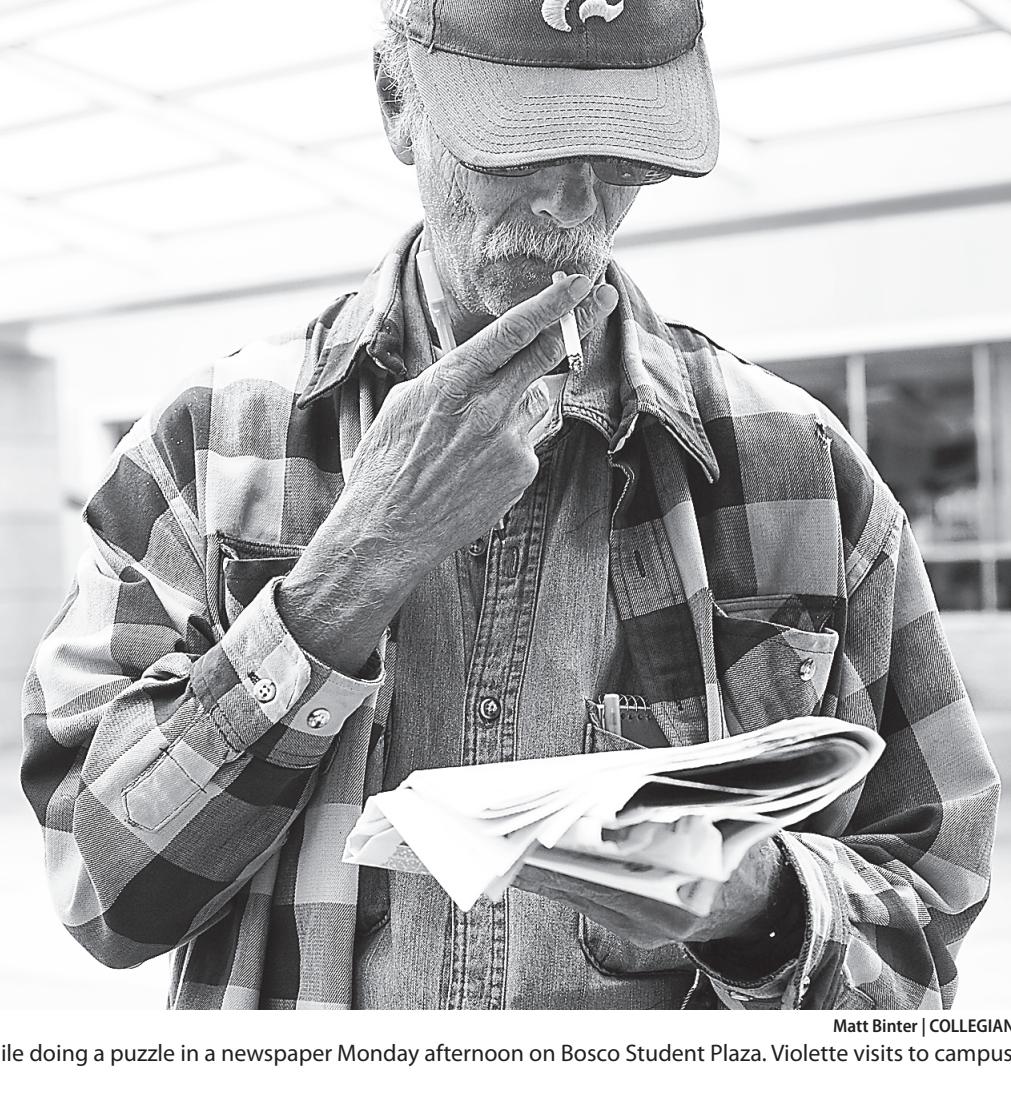
9 p.m., July 10
Directed by Brent Sigman
Featuring Mary Elizabeth Atwood, Bettina Boller, Brett Hightower, Kim Riley, Katie Sigman

Reasons to be Pretty by Neil LaBute

7:30 p.m., Aug. 11-14
Directed by Dwight Tolar
Featuring Ryan Bruce, Kyle Myers, Sissy Quaranta, Erin Trejo

-compiled by Bethany Sanderson

Killing time



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Retired power plant employee **Rick Violette** smokes while doing a puzzle in a newspaper Monday afternoon on Bosco Student Plaza. Violette visits to campus to read the paper and visit past co-workers.

CANNABIS | Rep. Finney argues medicinal use valuable

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Mulford as a result of her own debilitating disease, systemic lupus. She said she has met several people who use the drug to treat different ailments.

Finney described one man who began smoking marijuana to ease nausea and pain related to his pancreatic cancer. She said he was caught with marijuana and now faces legal battles in addition to fighting for his life, even though he was merely trying to alleviate his symptoms.

"To me, I think we're making criminals out of a lot of our citizens," she said. "And those people are in some of the most vulnerable positions now. I don't think we need to penalize or criminalize our illest citizens."

An informational hearing took place March 17 in Topeka during which 13 presenters spoke on the benefits of legalizing medical marijuana. Finney said some groups, such as the

Cancer Center of Kansas, submitted written testimonies in support of the act.

Mulford also attended the hearing and spoke on behalf of the bill. He said he would testify again if given the opportunity.

"Fact is, I'll probably be making quite a few appearances throughout the summer and the fall," Mulford said. "We're really going to be pushing this issue this year, hard."

QUESTIONS ARISE

In a Feb. 3 interview with the Kansas City Star, Rep. Scott Schwab, R-Olathe, said he opposes Finney's plan.

"Let's be honest — this would be an attempt to legalize marijuana," Schwab said. "It has no benefit for pain management. All it does is make you crave another bag of chips."

Results of a recent study performed by the Center for Medical Cannabis Research, however, indicate otherwise.

The CMCR was founded at

the University of California, following passage of that state's Compassionate Use Act of 1996 and the Medicinal Marijuana Research Act of 1999. The center sought to answer the question: Does marijuana have therapeutic value?

After completing the first clinical trials of smoked marijuana in the U.S. in more than two decades, the CMCR concluded: "As a result of this program of systematic research, we now have reasonable evidence that cannabis is a promising treatment in selected pain syndromes caused by injury or diseases of the nervous system ... and possibly for painful muscle spasticity due to multiple sclerosis." The CMCR presented its findings to the California state legislature on Feb. 17, 2010.

For Mulford, the CMCR report is vindication. He said it provides scientific evidence, supporting what he has tried to tell doubters and skeptics for the past 20 years — marijuana

possesses medicinal qualities.

"Finally, to have a real, blue-chip panel of people telling the rest of the world that, 'Hey, you know, he's right. He's not lying to you; he's telling you the truth,'" Mulford said. "It was a huge burden that got lifted off me."

For Matthew Palmatier, who teaches a course called Drugs and Behavior at K-State, the CMCR findings back up what he tells his students.

"One of the things I try to teach in my courses is that there are medicinal benefits to marijuana," he said. "It does reduce inflammation, it stimulates appetite, it increases fat storage."

Currently in Kansas, the legal form of marijuana use is in a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) pill called Marinol.

Palmatier said Marinol is not an effective medicinal treatment because THC, which is the active chemical in marijuana, is fat-soluble. What ends up happening is the THC from the

pill will distribute itself into all tissues and into adipose tissue, Palmatier said.

"So whether or not it actually gets into the blood and makes it all the way to the target site — whether that's the brain, if you're trying to stimulate appetite; or to the eyes, if you're trying to treat inflammation associated with glaucoma — you may have worse effects," he said.

With inhalation, however, he said patients are able to regulate how much THC they ingest by titrating their smoking.

Mulford has a prescription for Marinol and he said he uses the pill so he does not have to smoke as much marijuana when the need arises. Mulford said he is thankful for Marinol, but the pill by itself is not enough.

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Wildcats finish season with bid to NCAA Tourney, 37-22 record

Justin Nutter
Staff Writer

After a forgettable end to the regular season and a 1-2 showing at the Big 12 tournament in Oklahoma City, the K-State baseball team was given what countless teams across the country would love to have: a fresh start and a clean slate.

The Wildcats' new life came in the form of a regional bid to the 2010 NCAA Tournament — their second invitation in as many seasons. Players and coaches were forced to sweat it out during ESPN's selection show on May 31, but the wait paid off when K-State was named the No. 3 seed in the Fayetteville, Ark., regional, the next-to-last regional announced. The four-team pod included top-seeded and host school Arkansas, second-seeded Washington State — the Wildcats' first opponent — and fourth-seeded Grambling State.

WASHINGTON STATE 8, K-STATE 6

The Wildcats took a three-run lead into the seventh inning, but couldn't hold on as they dropped an 8-6, opening night decision to the Cougars on Friday.

After being held to a single run through the first five innings, K-State's offense broke through against Washington State starter Chad Arnold in the sixth, plating three to jump in front, 4-3. The Wildcats added two more in the seventh to extend their lead, but the Cougars responded.

K-State starter Kyle Hunter allowed three runs in six innings, but started to come unraveled in the seventh. After retiring one batter and letting a pair reach safely, Hunter was replaced by reliever Evan Marshall. Marshall labored through the remainder of the frame, allowing three runners to cross the plate before retiring the side. The Cougars' comeback was completed in the eighth inning when second baseman Cody Bartlett blasted a two-run home run to provide the game's final margin.

Offensively, the Wildcats were led by second baseman Jake Brown, who went 2-for-3 from the plate and drove in a pair of runs. K-State also received multi-hit games from shortstop Carter Jurica, third baseman Adam Muenster and first baseman Kent Urban.

K-STATE 9, GRAMBLING STATE 8

K-State nearly saw an eight-run lead disappear in Saturday's elimination game against Grambling State, but the Wildcats dodged the Tigers' upset bid in a 9-8 win.

After exploding out to a 9-1 lead, K-State's bats fell silent as Grambling State began to rally. Starter Kayvon Bahramzadeh, who was solid through six innings, came unglued in the seventh when he was charged with



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Kayvon Bahramzadeh, junior pitcher for the K-State wildcats, pitches for a win over Chicago State April 27.

three runs before exiting with one out.

The Tigers got one more run in the inning off reliever Tyler Giannotti to cut the deficit to 9-6. They added two more off Tyler Sturgis in the eighth to get within a run, but closer James Allen recorded the final six outs to keep K-State alive in postseason play.

Despite allowing five runs in the contest, Bahramzadeh picked up his second win of the year. The native of Tucson, Ariz., struck out three and walked none in a season-long 6.1 innings of work. K-State was led at the plate by outfielder and Co-Big 12 Player of the Year Nick Martini, who went 2-for-4 and drove in three.

WASHINGTON STATE 9, K-STATE 6

K-State got a chance to avenge its opening night downfall to the Cougars in a Sunday rematch, but the Wildcats blew another big lead in a 9-6 loss, which eliminated them from competition.

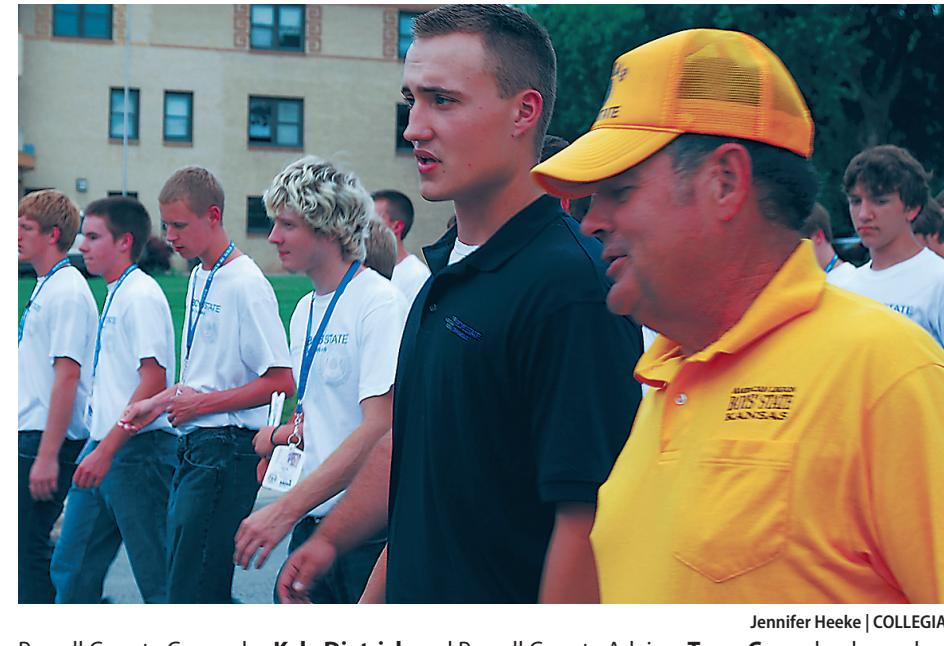
ment, the pitching staff crumbled down the stretch. Starter Justin Lindsey entered the sixth inning with a 6-3 lead, but a monumental collapse ensued.

Lindsey allowed four runners to score and left the game without recording an out in the inning. Reliever Thomas Rooke gave up two more runs in just 0.2 innings to provide the final margin. Fellow reliever Evan Marshall stopped the bleeding as he threw 3.1 shutout frames, but K-State's offense couldn't capitalize and Washington State coasted to victory.

Martini remained hot from the plate, going 3-for-4 and driving in three in the losing effort. He finished the season with a .416 batting average, which ranks fifth in school history.

The Wildcats closed out the 2010 campaign with a 37-22 overall record. Nearly all members of this year's squad will be back in 2011, as they'll only have to replace three seniors: Muenster, catcher Daniel Dellasega and pitcher Ryan Daniel.

Boy's State counselors bring leadership, wisdom to program



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Powell County Counselor **Kyle Dietrich** and Powell County Advisor **Terry Camp** lead members of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy on a march Tuesday afternoon from Marlatt Hall to McCain Auditorium.

Tim Schrag Editor-in-Chief

Since Sunday, campus has roared with the marching chants of high-school juniors parading from building to building for the American Legion Boy's State of Kansas Leadership Academy.

Curtis Concannon, junior in biology, an events counselor, said the chants vary from year to year, but are a tradition for program.

"We try to get the kids pumped about walking rather than have them complain and it just makes the time go by a lot easier," Concannon said.

Though initially the young men or "Staters," resist chanting, it soon becomes an entertaining part of the week.

"By the end of the week they're just throwing the chants out constantly, they're just screaming out their lungs, they're losing their voices, so it's pretty fun," Concannon said.

The Boy's State program was started by the American Legion in Illinois to promote democracy in youth in 1935.

Thane Chastain, director of development for Boy's State, said while the program still promotes democracy, it is no longer its principal point.

"We are of the belief in 2010 that democracy is firmly in place," he said. "We tend to focus a bit more on the leader-

ship aspect ... and we see that the government simulation is the mode to get that leadership message across."

High-school juniors participate in a week-long mock government program, which focuses on the different levels of state and local government systems.

Chastain said participants hold mock jobs and belong to mock political parties and races in order to promote awareness of diversity and encourage critical thinking.

Participants take positions in various local and state governments, such as city and county commissioners, legislators and members of the state executive branch. A smaller portion of participants have positions in the media and political action committees.

Chastain said it takes a staff of about 100 to facilitate the program. Of those 100, about 60 are younger than 30, many of which have a connection to K-State.

"We are very glad to have a number of our staff represent Kansas State University," he said. "It makes more sense to see somebody who is maybe a year or 2-to-5 years older to also get that mental projection, this is the next chapter of my life, which is college. All of these kids are college-bound kids."

He also said the support staff has two types of counselors:

city/county counselors, who facilitate the 20 cities and 10 counties, and events counselors, who help facilitate the programs throughout the week, including a choir, newspaper and political action committees.

Concannon said he has enjoyed being an events counselor. He is also assigned to a county and help them when he isn't facilitating a program.

Concannon said it can be a struggle to deal with the varying personalities found at Boy's State, but he enjoys being a part of the program. Additionally, he uses the opportunity to promote K-State to interested high school students.

"It's a good selling point for K-State and it's a good atmosphere to be here and see the campus in its self," Concannon said.

Derek Symes, freshman in business law at Southwestern College, advises the newspaper staff. While he said he would like to step in and help the student staff do everything, he understands the importance of having them run the show.

Along with Symes, Chastain said the program really tries to teach participation.

"That's an important and challenging part of the teaching experience, not to relive your Stater experience one more time, but to let them have that experience."

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